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while ago by introducing all five of them. As you'll notice they all five got introduced.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move the introduction of the attached bill. Signed, Senator Marvel. It is a bill for an act relating to state employees, to provide salary increases as prescribed. To require amendments to the State of Nebraska Classification and Pay Plan. 415 request number.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: This is the way the committee voted to present the pay plan to the Legislature as a whole and get either your reaction or rejection to it. The way we do this is in the form of a bill. What this would do . . . you have a sheet on your desk which indicates that this would provide for a 5 percent increase in salary plus an additional \$468 plus 2 percent for merit. The cost is some place between General Fund \$13.2 million and \$14 million. I ask that the bill be introduced so that the Legislature will have a chance to debate the issue.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, in asking also that the bill be introduced I think that it would be nice that I alert the body that one time we've done something that maybe they've hollered about for years that we're giving the total Legislature the opportunity to look at the biggest part of the budget before it's actually agreed upon and brought out here is a fragmented part of many agencies. This year, for the very first time, you have a chance to look at the personal services that are going to go to every agency and decide if the amount we have in this bill is right, or if there's another amount that you would wish to change it to. Everybody's going to have that choice today, or the day that this bill is talked about on General File. I hope that you will agree that the Budget Committee has done something new, but good, on behalf of all of you and the people of the state.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, does this mean that we approve of the figures if we vote for this?

PRESIDENT: Are you ready for the question? The question is the granting of request number 415 for the introduction of a bill. Record your vote. Record Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays, 15 not voting.

PRESIDENT: Request granted. The bill is introduced.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. LB 582, LB 583, LB 584, LB 585, LB 586, LB 587 and LB 588 (read titles).